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YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD!

On the inside...

Day in court

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Under the Dome

Fellow-inmate cri
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Over the Wall

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MAY 1, 1976
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FOR SALE

Past records haunt ex-convicts
RECORD

Prisoner
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An Eleventh-Hour Reprieve



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OFF THE WALL 1977

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Dennis Howe



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BILL MACKEY
TARPAPER

Basic Winner

TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN—

The passing sweeper truck momentarily blocked the view of the appliance store. The patrolman shifted his weight to the other foot, then stepped back deeper into the shadows of the alley. For the past three hours he'd been watching the T.V. in the store window across the street. In fact, ever since he'd noticed it on his first round at midnight. He knew the people in this neighborhood, and knew that to them the T. V. would represent a few day's drunk or a day's drugs. "Bastards!" he mumbled, "Give them welfare and they still steal everything in sight!"

He heard a car stop down the street and as the door slammed shut he crouched down even deeper into the shadows. A man came into view and the patrolman's breath caught in his throat at the sight of a long iron bar in the man's hand. As the man swung the bar and the window crashed

into pieces, the patrolman thought of the praise he would receive from the Captain at Headquarters. His mind returned from its dream and he saw the thief remove the T. V. from the window and start to run towards where the car had pulled over.

"Stop!" shouted the Patrolman, "STOP or I'll SHOOT!" With this command he drew his revolver, lined the barrel up with the fleeing man's back, and fired. The man stumbled.....fell.....and lay still. IT WAS ALL OVER!

The patrolman left the alley and moved towards the call-box on the corner. On sudden impulse, he changed direction and moved to the fallen man instead.

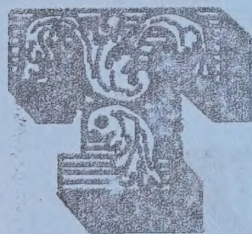
"Jesus!" he whispered, "Maybe I shot too soon? Maybe he would have stopped?" Out loud he said, "I was only DOING MY DUTY!"

Reaching the victim, he kicked the fallen man in the side. Then slowly turned him over. He could not hold back the scream that escaped his lips as he gazed into the death glazed eyes of his father.....



CHEATING

Mr. Haas:



Thank you very much for the last three issues of OFF THE WALL and your letter of Oct. 2, 1976 asking for my comments. As you may now be aware I have sent you my comments, since then I have had reason to read more from OFF THE WALL.

Generally, I found the issues very interesting. However, I was disturbed by your August, 1976 edition.

Three of the articles ---- "The Maximums Living One Day at a Time; Work Camps and Goon Squads, and Behind the Pink Steel Door" by Mark Nichols - looked a little too familiar.

Upon further checking, I discovered the three stories had been copied almost verbatim from December 9, 1974 Canadian edition of Time Magazine.

I am somewhat puzzled why you would publish material 2 years old and not credit

Time Magazine. You might wish to explain in your next issue.

Mona Ricks
Chief, Publications

C.P.S. Ottawa

The Question Of Character

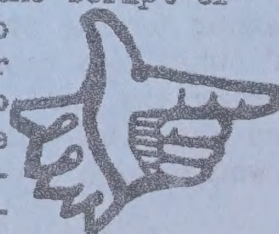
Dear Ms. Ricks:

I might respond by saying that I have no comments, until I have consulted with my lawyer. Or, I might say that Time/Life is such a big Company that I didn't think that they would notice little-old-me. Or I might say that because I have been reading Time for so long, and paying such an outrageous 'price' for a subscription that I feel that I am a stock holder.

It is always possible that I could simply plead insanity - I am just crazy about Time articles. Also, I am presently finishing a lengthy sentence for theft. As my sentence is not yet complete, and I have yet to be "fully" rehabilitated I do not see why 'Time/Life' should be exempt.

Now, on a totally serious plain - Time Canada no longer exists. There is no such company. Further, you will note that on page 5 of the afore mentioned issue of Time magazine - the author of these pieces is stated to be, the then Associate Editor, Mark Nichols. Is as much as this is clearly printed in OFF THE WALL, I would state that the author was fully credited. Further, no effort was made to disguise the fact that the material came from Time as it is clearly discussed in the October Issue of OFF THE WALL. Time is clearly mentioned.

You will also note that numerous numerical changes were made in the script of Mark Nichols - in order to bring dates, ages, and other facts that had changed up to date in order to protect the integrity of the author. Other than those changes nec-



essitated by the passing of two years - his article was reprinted as close to the original as humanly possible, in order not to corrupt his material.

As to the question of "why" pick up on a "two - year - old" article in the first place? I can answer that quite simply - Truth merriits recognition - independant of whether is is an 'old truth' or a new truth. His words applied as much in August as they did in 1974 - they were of value to the convict body.

I can conslude that there was absolutely no effort made to take credit for an article to which credit was not due. It serves little to credit a -no longer ex-istant publication, but at all times the rights and interests of the author, Mark Nichols, were maintained.

We Mean

I have been receiving copies of OFF THE WALL (the last three). I enjoy getting the paper and notice that you fellows, put a lot of work into every issue. You are asking for feedback on the paper and I will give you some. Staff articles- can be very informative and interesting. Your paper seems to have the attitude that if a staff person submits an arti-

cle, the other inmates will be against the editor, the co-editor, and the paper. I do not believe this to be a good thing as there are staff people who care and would make your paper better than it is right now. Even so, I do realize that many inmates would probably feel you were trying to 'angle' favors or that you were on the staff's side. It's like you are damned if you 'do' and damned if you 'don't'.

Rita

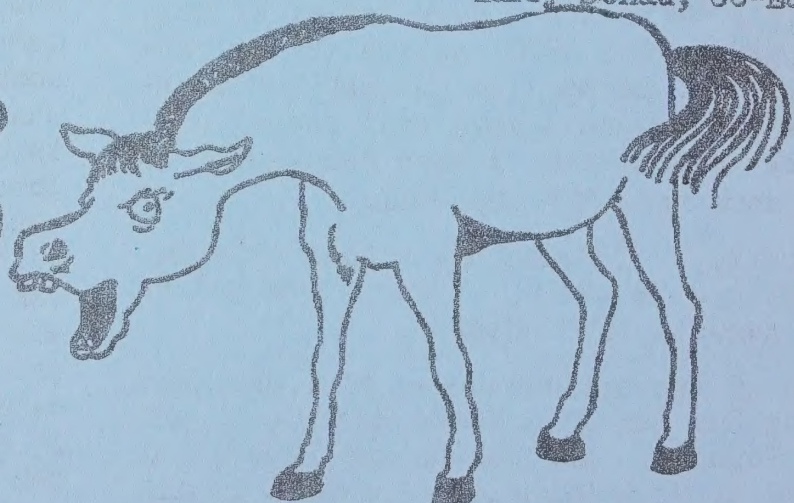
Calgary

NOTES FROM THE CO-EDITOR: I wish that it was that simple. We have, in the past, printed staff articles. We will continue to do so. It is unlikely that anyone in here will feel that we are "angleing" for favors. Both the editor, and myself have already long since passed parole eligibility and have not applied. There are two main things that we print - first straight entertainment value (jokes, etc) and second, articles that would be of value or assistance to the cons in the joint. We would print more staff articles except that the staff do not submit any for publication. Can't print what you don't got! That is about where we are at this point in time. The staff have their own publication!!

Larry Schau, Co-Ed.

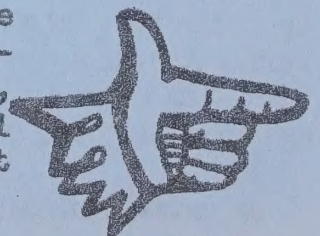
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Bill Haas #3045

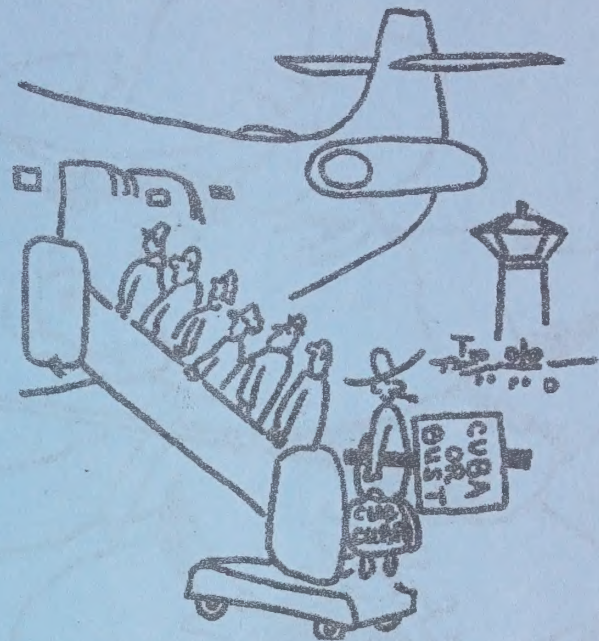


Well, here we are again. This is bound to be a heavy issue. There have been two rather trying subjects - first, a review of 'what has been going on' in the news during the last month. Reading newspapers has always made me sick-so I thought I would make you sick in turn. Second,

is the 'heavy-duty' article on I.P.P. It is not very easy to condense 60 pages of mumble-jumble into a short, readable essay, that, hopefully others will be able to understand. Best of luck anyway!



We have received a number of questions about a comment made in the last issue of OFF THE WALL. Mostly regarding who does the work on the paper and why aren't they paid. The only one on the staff that gets paid is the co-editor, and that amounts to only about 20¢ a day in case there is any one that wants his job. He is bribed to do all the dirty work and is responsible for most of the real dirty jobs, like collating and such. I have another regular institutional job so I am not eligible to receive pay for what little I do with the paper.



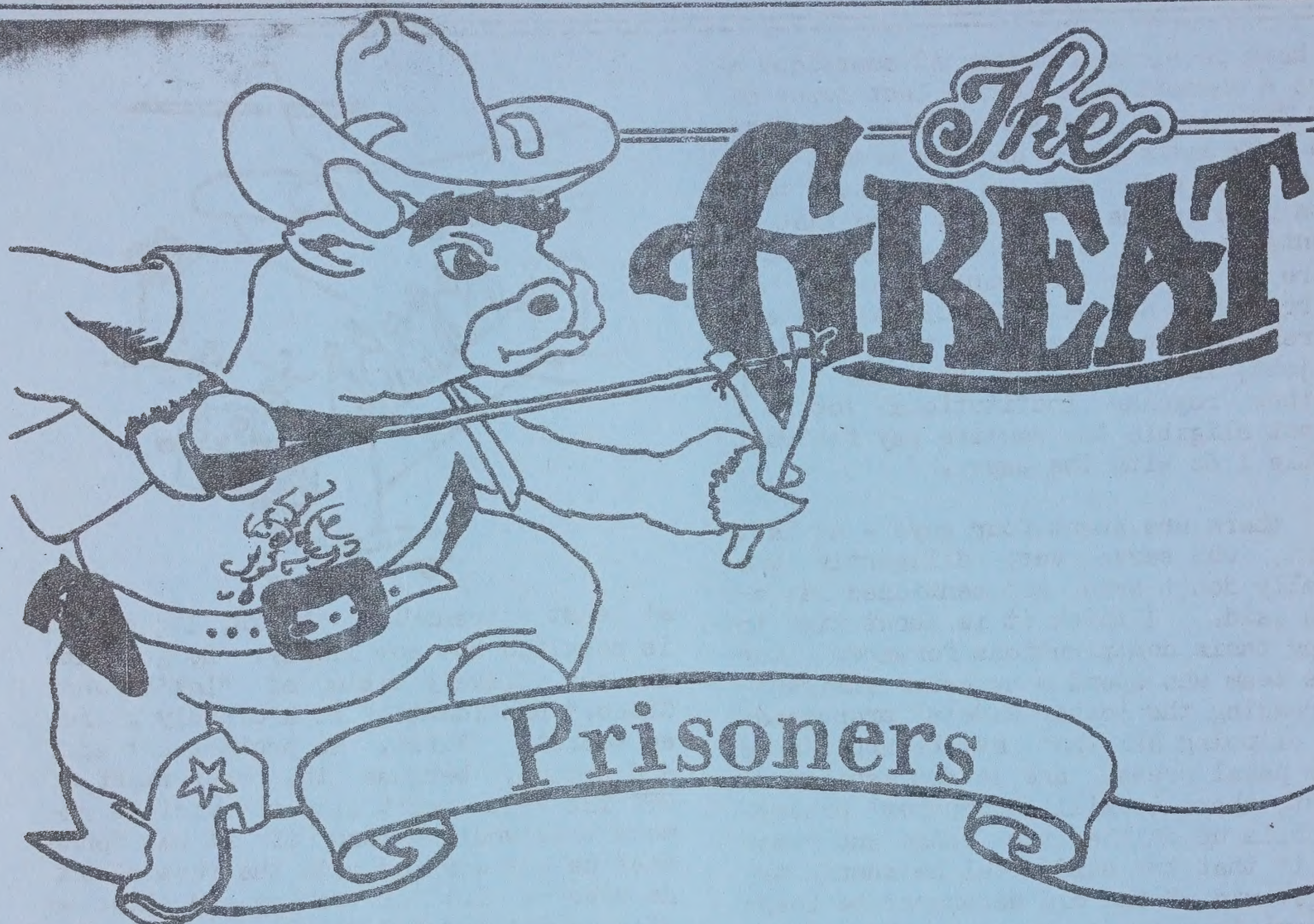
at least a transfer. Shucks, I guess it is possible but not likely. He goes under the unlikely title of "Let's Went Cisco." His identity is a closely guarded secret. First, to protect his name and second, because the other staff of OFF THE WALL don't like the vicious rumors that would spread if it was found that he was working with the rest of us. He does a lot of satire and likes to pick on mallards, farmers, people, especially farmers, and anything else that turns him on at the time.

We don't have all that much communication with each other - until after the paper is finished. Then we all congregate to blame all 'the errors' on the other guy. It has been rumored that we all live on different ranges so that the staff will never be able to get us all at once, this is not entirely true - we all hate each other.

If there is anybody on the street that would like to apply for the job - it is up for grabs. Some of the major drawbacks that a person has to live with is a lot of hassle from custody, the knowledge that all your efforts are in vain because everyone is certain that you are up to something, though no one is entirely sure just what it is, hate letters in your mail box, and more than 25,000 sheets of paper of every 'description' squashed into the same 5 and a half by 9 foot cell that you are supposed to live in.

Now, there are about four guys - at last count, who serve very diligently who usually don't even get mentioned let alone paid. I think it is about time to bring their contributions forward. Our news team who spend many hours diligently reading the 'other side's' propaganda and clipping all that may be applicable to a penal press, are seldom mentioned. First, there is Bill 'Newspaper' Bracey. He cells up on the top range and rumor has it that the staff feel he should try to get rid of the old newspaper he keeps or move to a lower range because one of these days 'he and tons of newspapers' are likely to fall right through the cell floor. Next, there is Red 'Ace' Johnson who works in the library. He spends a lot of time running down news as well as collecting old magazines that one of us can later 'cut up' to get the titles and letters. We have a small budget so we are forced to 'steal' all of our letters and titles from other publications because our department can not afford such luxuries as Letraset. Another avid fan who 'ruthlessly' pursues the new is Joe McManus. Little passes his beady eyes.

Finally, mention should be made of our satirist. If that is what you call them anyway. This guy prefers to remain anonymous, not because he is an alcoholic which may or may not be true (personally I think he is one of them - there dopers). The real reason he prefers to remain out of the picture is that he still clings to the hope that some day he will become eligible for parole - heaven forbid - or



This column reviews some of the news about prisons and prison policy that has appeared in the papers during the last month. And believe me, the last month has seen more than its share. It is amazing to see the type and range of articles being printed. Obviously, this recent fascination with prisons has stemmed from the unending stream of "incidents" within the various penitentiaries in this country.

The people of Canada have become very alarmed. They have been lead to fear a total insurrection on the part of prisoners "Who want better, or more lavish, treatment." They resent these demands. It may not be entirely fair to conclude that there would ne NO change what-so-ever were these incidents not to draw the publics attention to the prison system. However, it seems fairly obvious

that this is in fact the case, unfortunate as it may be.

Any "REAL" change in the present system must go much further than simply making the prisons more comfortable to live in Canada now leads the Western World in the number of problems that she simply locks up. And, you can believe that this is not a statistic for our fair citizens to be 'proud' of. It is a very very sad state of affairs when a country proves itself so inept that the only recourse it has to suppress dissent is to IMPRISON it.

Crime is a form of political dissent. In most cases, property crime reflects a system of oligarchy, where a few have much, and the many have very little. It is basically an economic move on the part of the supressed majority. Fortunately, only a small minority of this supressed majority breaks the sanctions

BARB WIRE

War



Prison Guards

of criminal law in order to attempt to obtain, those items which they feel entitled to, but are unable to acquire legally. It becomes a case of "get as get can" and the ruling oligarchy is the first to scream 'blue murder'.

The following articles establish beyond "all reasonable doubt" that the present system is failing. And, that is not to say that the prison system is inadequate though that to is the case. The entire, I repeat entire system is corrupt and as such, cannot engender respect or support

permit 'us' to continue supporting them, has become nauseating.

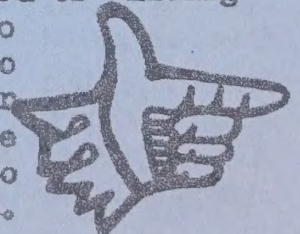
These useless creatures have contributed nothing to society but sorrow and grief, and their very existence, is a financial drain on all of us, without the addition of millions of dollars to repair facilities after one of their rampages. I find it equally offensive to hear a succession of Solicitor-General's apologize because we have not provided more modern and more comfortable living conditions. After all, these people have demonstrated a complete lack of concern for anyone accept their own self-interest.

TRICKS



The spectacle of convicted murderers, rapists, thieves, etc., bemoaning their living conditions, and informing us the taxpayers, of the conditions under which they will

When every senior citizen, war veteran, disabled person, and other deserving individuals has a good standard of living and when the working man no longer has to struggle to provide the necessities for his family, maybe then some tax dollars could be used to modernize our penal prisons.



In the meantime, those whose actions result in their being confined in our "archaic institutions" should be made to understand that society will tolerate no further acts of lawlessness from them. It's time to control the penitentiaries and return them to the hands of the custody staff, not in the hands of the inmates.

H.J. Boyd - Herald - Olds, Alberta

GO STAND IN THE CORNER.



Mr. Boyd might like to try spending a little time in prison!. Better still, "I wonder if his attitude would remain the same if his son were sent to prison for a drug offense?"

All joking aside, there is some advantage to making living conditions more tolerable. If the prisoners are content, then they will not be escaping and ravishing the countryside. Further, which is really less expensive? Making conditions tolerable to begin with, or attempting brutal confinement and then having to pay many millions in repairs?

However, Mr. Boyd illustrates how deep and bitter is the resentment of the common man. It is so regretful that he, as well as the rest 'of his kind' have been led astray. If they were to understand the situation that permeates the justice system, they may not be quite so brutal or vindictive.

Much of the resentment is generated long before the felon arrives at the prison. The disparity and injustice of the sentencing, dependant on many factors as diverse as economic resources of the defendant, the locality in which the offence occurred, and the mood of the presiding judge, mean that persons who have committed essentially the same crime

under the same circumstances and have similar criminal records receive two radically different sentences.

In addition, many of the laws whose breach presently condemns men to prison, should not be on the law books in the first place. Only recently has the government quit legislating what transpires in the nations bedrooms. Other laws that need revision are those dealing with such things as prostitution, and certain types of drugs. Many of the so called "victimless crimes."

UP
CLOSE



PRISON REFORM AND SOCIETY



disagree with the Herald editorial on prison reform which said riots "are all symptoms of an ever-rising failure on the part of the Government to react to the needs of the people." The government, about five years ago, acknowledged the conditions at the older institutions was deplorable and need changing.

Treasury Board allocated money for this but when various communities across the

nation stated they didn't want prisons near them, the construction program faltered to the extent that the older institutions were maintained. The government has not failed to react but instead it is society that failed to react. Prisoners come from the same society you and I come from. If we say that they must be incarcerated for breaking the laws of the country then it is up to us to ensure that proper facilities are available to them.

The new Solicitor-General says that the prison population is rising at a National average of 6.5% per year. In raw figures that is approximately 600 people per year. Our institutions are overcrowded now, which means there is no room for newcomers. The construction program includes smaller less imposing facilities and Mr. Fox says that his department has a \$500 million budget to build new institutions in Canada between now and 1981, but where are the inmates to go if the institutions are being denied their rightful places in the community?

It is obvious that the government has recognized the problem for a long time, but it's efforts to build new prisons have been thwarted by the very people who are advocating prison reform.

Ken Williams Regional Office, S'toon.

HEAVY BREATHING

TWO MORE PRISONS PLANNED FOR THE PRAIRIES



Approval has come down from Ottawa to build two more prisons in the prairie region. As it stands, the sites of these prisons is yet unknown but they are expected to cost between 10 and 12 million dollars each to build. According to Mr. Olenkiuk, in Saskatoon, neither is expected to be built in Saskatchewan.

Existing FACILITIES ARE FULL so the obvious conclusion is that they have plans to lock up even more people in the future. It was stated that the institutions "will provide greater ability to manipulate and control prison population Nice going.....at least now we can read in the papers how we are being handled. But, then for those who have been the living proof of this system it will come as no suprise.



Top hotels

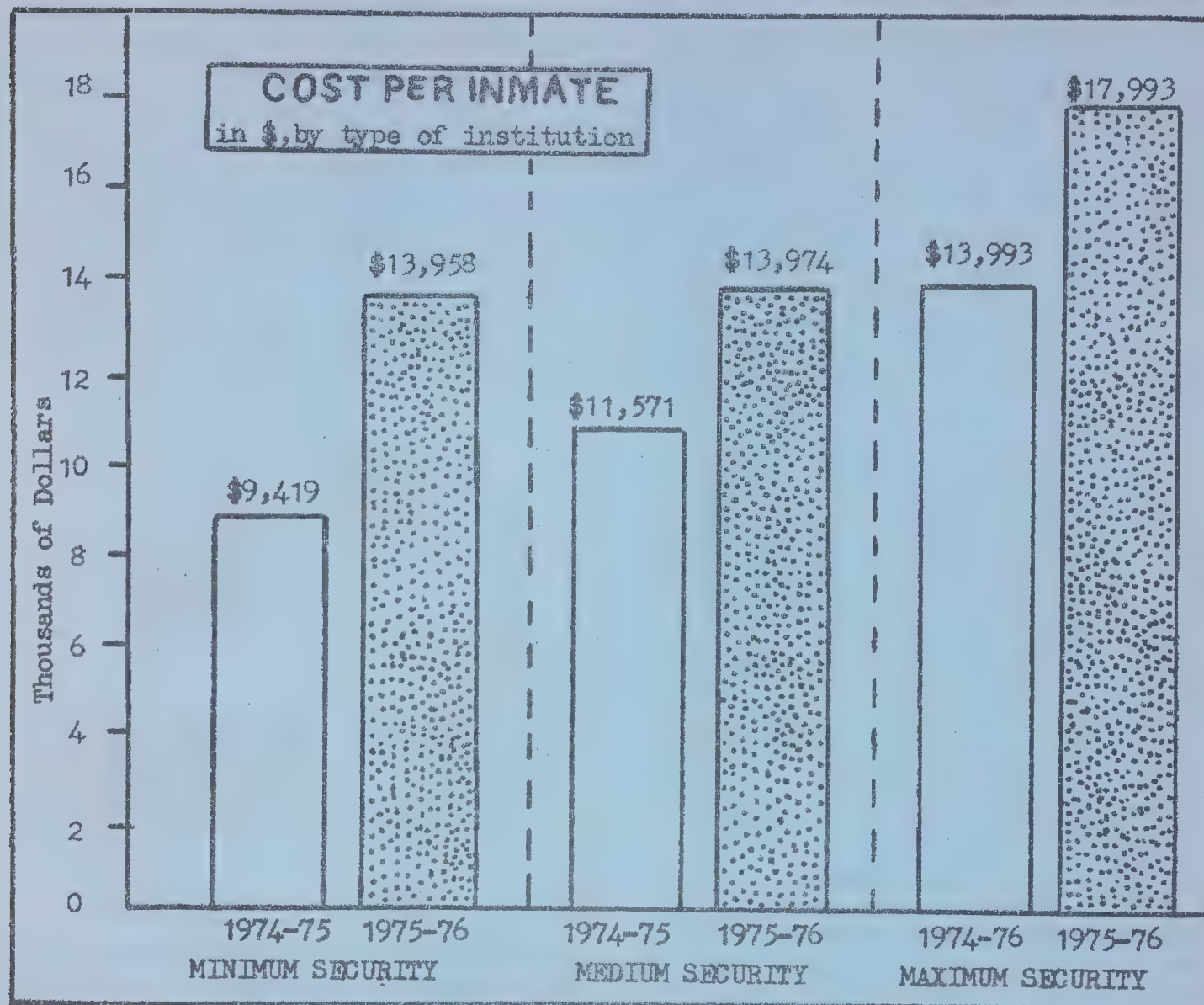


he prison population explosion has caused states to resort to extremes in order to warehouse inmates. So, at least they are using the right term 'warehouse' for a change. Mayland is using a World War II Navy Ship that had been under wraps. S. Carolina has converted 2 T.B. Centres and one abandoned school. House trailers are being used in Virginia, Michigan, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and six other states Florida is using 20 army tents, airport hangers and a mental hospital!

Prisoners are reported to be crammed into every nook and cranny, with several sleeping on ledges above toilets, in shower rooms, and in gymnasiums.

Things haven't reached that stage in Canada yet. However if the courts don't back off they soon will. Longer terms aggravate the situation.



**A SPECIAL PRECAUTION!****PRISON SYSTEM INQUIRY SLATED**

A parliamentary inquiry has been started into the penitentiary service. It will concentrate on maximum security institutions that allow uprisings 'to occur' or that have had troubles lately. They will be looking primarily at BCP, Laval (formerly St. Vincent du Paul), Millhaven and Prince Albert. The committee made up of 6 Liberals, four conservatives, and one NDP. are expected to return their report by February 28, 1977. Criticism has been raised because Francis Fox, now the Solicitor General sat on a committee in 1973

ONCE UPON A TIME**CRASH BUILDING PROGRAM SLATED**

The prisoners and the people of Canada have reason for joy, though the heady feeling is somewhat dubious at best. It is planned to enter into a crash construction program that should see \$343 million, spent on new prisons in the next 5 years. Although this may seem encouraging, it is likely the only people that will gain from this immense infusion is those people and companies involved in the construction Trades. At least the economy will benefit from the infusion of 1/3 of a billion dollars being spent hastily.

which made recommendations, almost none of which have been implemented to date. It is questioned whether another committee merely represents another stall.

Surprise—

Some Real Reform

PRISONER HAS RIGHT TO MEET IN PRIVATE



THE Alberta Supreme Court, ruled that a prisoner has the 'right' to meet with his counsel in 'private' after a series of 'incidents' at the Fort Saskatchewan Provincial

Prison. Prison officials had denied the prisoner this right because they claimed that he was very likely to escape and that they felt he should be under constant supervision. The court ordered that 'alternate' provisions be made but, independent of 'what' circumstances, the defendant does have the right to private consultation with his attorney.

THE FIRST ROUND

CRIME RATE DROPPING IN PRINCE ALBERT



Crime in Prince Albert is apparently on the decrease, Police Chief Reg Brooman, said this week.

Commenting on crime statistics for the first half of 1976, Chief Brooman attributed part of the decrease to a change of attitude by the courts! He said that the stiffer penalties handed out this year have cut down the number of break-ins.

"I believe that this proves beyond all reasonable doubt that for certain seg-

ments of our society, the practice of easy penalties does not act as a deterrent," the police Chief said. He also said increases in the number of Police hired and in downtown patrols had resulted in the catching of some of the key figures in local crime.

However, the Chief indicated that the frequent use of offensive weapons indicated a dangerous trend which would have to be watched closely by the police and the courts. When the Police Chief submitted his year-end report for 1975, he indicated Prince Albert had the highest 'per-capita' crime rate in the province, as well as the highest per-capita rate of over-night detentions for drunkenness.



The obvious conclusion, if you start laying on big time at the beginning of a particular year, is that the crime rate for that particular year will be lower. However, as obvious is the final result, when all of these 'bitter' persons start to be released from their lengthy sentences. There is an immediate up-surge in the crime rate. Add to this that these persons usually become more proficient because they have been in jail long enough to 'learn' something about crime.



Also, there is the factor that longer sentences also tend to promote more violence, on the part of the offender and I wonder if the police will see this new trend as an improvement.



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PRISON REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED



THE MENARD TIMES: U. S. district Court Judge Johnson Jr ruled that the following requirements be implemented in Alabama prisons: (1) The number of inmates shall not exceed design capacity; (2) within six months the area of each single-man cell shall not be less than 60 sq. feet; (3) each cell shall be equipped with hot and cold running water; (4) each inmate will be provided with adequate clean clothing and a storage locker; (5) each inmate shall have a minimum of 60 sq. ft. of living area; (6) visiting areas must not physically separate the visitors from, their inmates; (7) each inmate shall be assigned a meaningful job; (8) each inmate shall have the opportunity to participate in educational programs; (9) inmates shall have the opportunity to participate in vocational training; (10) each prison facility shall meet all the standards set by the U. S. Public Health Service; and (11) work release, pre-release, and other community based facilities shall be established.

BURNOUTS

B. C. PEN HEAD GIVEN NEW JOB



D ragan Cernetic, former Director of the B. C. Penitentiary in New Westminster, has been re-assigned to the C.P.S Regional Headquarters. Bob Swan, formerly the assistant Director of Security at the prison in Mission, B.C. has been appointed acting Director of B.C.P.

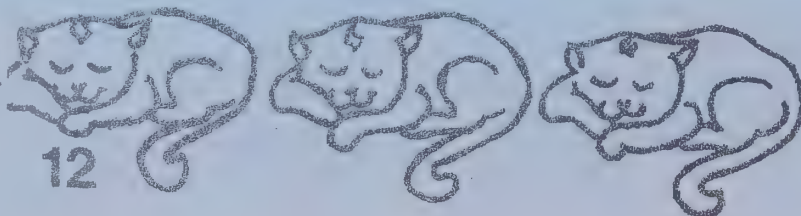
RATED X!

PRISON GUARDS ABANDON COURT ACTION



P rison guard leader's have dropped 'plans' to challenge the legality of the agreement made earlier in October between the Gubermment and prisoners to bring about the 'peaceful and' to the hostage-taking incident at BCP. "We were forced to abandon it because legal advice we received is that we were not party to the agreement and we have no legal right to take it to court," a Union spokesman said.

However, the decision to drop plans for a court test of the agreement has not diminished the union's opposition to the pact. The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), which represents 3,500 prison guards and 3,500 other penitentiary employees, currently is attempting to negotiate a new contract. The Union estimates the 3500 guards worked a total of 700,000 hours of overtime last year. The P.S.A.C. also is pushing for a crash program to build two super-maximum security facilities for dangerous offenders.



Brave New World

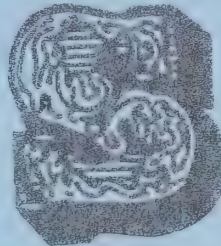
GET TOUGH POLICY AGAINST PRISONERS.



Francis Fox, has stated that he has adopted a "get-tough" policy against prisoners who destroy their cells or take hostages. "If inmates continue taking hostages, rebelling, destroying their cells, and creating havoc we will have no choice but to be more repressive. Prison directors have 'received' instructions that they must react very quickly and efficiently to any outbreaks," said Fox. "We are talking about using force that is necessary to ensure that our institution systems are run correctly."

Segregation Remembered

SEGREGATION SUGGESTED



EX OFFENDERS are extremely vulnerable to attack from other prisoners and have to be segregated from the prison population, a spokesman for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association said.

These comments were raised after a 54 year old man was killed in Kingston who had been convicted of rape-murder in an incident involving a nine-year-old girl in Ontario.

A GAMBLE GONE WRONG

PRISON VIOLENCE: AN INSIDE VIEW.



I cannot remain silent after listening to the many prison guards from Quebec and B.C. whine, snivel, and stamp their feet because they were not officially allowed to smash heads after two major riots.

One remark that especially made me angry came from the Union Head: "Guards are being injured everyday, and their lives are in extreme danger." When was the last time a guard was injured - quite some time ago. As to them being in danger, with the behavior I have seen from them in the last three and one half yrs. as a resident of maximum security institutions it is a wonder that there are not more and more-serious attacks on the prison employees.

All this publicity is a smokescreen to give them more power and strengthen the



bargaining position on their contracts. Beatings, which usually include the squeezing of testicles, bursting of eardrums and 'plenty' of kidney-punches are still common in maximum security prisons in this country. Not to mention medical neglect and very severe mental torture.

It's apparent that many people believe, and incredibly so, that taking away our freedom and female company for years on end isn't punishment enough. Find out what it is like to spend a few days in prison and then magnify it by 5000 times and you will begin to focus on what maximum security is like. As far as the rumor goes about these riots being a criminal conspiracy of American radicals and Citizen Advisory Committees; nice try. Convicts are just getting fed up with viciously long sentences, fewer op-

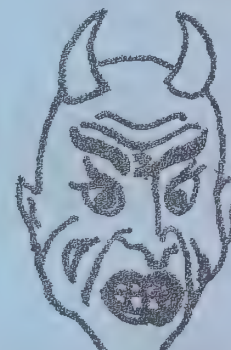
portunities for parole, and Nazi-type treatment by guards.

These three reasons I've just mentioned will continue to be the main reason for further outbreaks of violence and destruction in the future. Of this, there is no doubt.....if these prisons are as good as the guards would have you believe, why would hundreds of guys risk life and limb to tear and burn them down I have given you THREE good reasons.

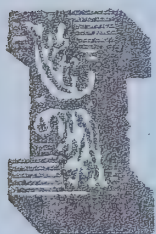
As to the demand by the guards to not honor the agreement made at the end of the B.C riot, it reminds me of something once said by the communist leader Lenin, "Promises are like pie crusts, they are made to be broken....."

Alan Dunn

Dorchester



The forgotten man



It is obvious that there is a good deal wrong with the prisons. However, it goes much further than the living conditions. There are 53 Federal facilities in Canada and there is little or no complaint re-living conditions in 49 of these joints. But the situation is more likely to deteriorate rather than improve. The other institutions, the ones that did not have to many problems to begin with, will seriously be affected by hostility from the guards pouring over from other more volatile institutions. Add to this that the violence in a few of the institutions is likely to generate hostility in many of the formerly peaceful joints.

The net result is that the media is beginning to create a monster. The hostilities, formerly localized, can easily be spread across 'the nation' by threat and counter-threat from the various factions

involved in the present disputes. In effect, battle lines are being drawn up where there is no need. Each faction seems set only at arriving at its own desired ends. The guards, presently negotiating new contracts magnify the situation to serve their own ends. The inmate populations use existing publicity and intense public concern to voice the grievances that they have.

The public grows frightened by the cries of both sides. They fear for their safety. They can't understand what is happening. They want peace. But most of all, they want to be left alone. Inflation, hard times, and other problems, plague their thoughts. The last thing they are prepared to accept is additional threats of violence from within.

While the hostilities are amplified, the public desires peace and tranquility, and they may become prepared to sanction

very stringent measures to gain this desired goal. Unfortunately, most of these measures would only ensure additional confrontation. It is time to withdraw from the battle lines.....it is time to find a common meeting ground and attempt to settle the disputes before additional confrontation makes a peaceful settlement impossible.

The "Hard Line" "Tough Guy" approach is not appropriate. The prisoners have at least 'some' legitimate grievances, the guards also have grievances. Solutions can be arrived at only through mediation and not through 'continually' escalating threats. The present hostile verbage can only result in THE GREAT BARBWARE WAR!

Bill Haas #3045

Editor.



"You know...you girls take a big risk hitch-hiking alone at night! You never know who might pick you up!"



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The little boy pointed to the two dogs and asked what they are doing. "well," said the father, "the dog in the back had sore front paws and the dog in front is helping him home."

"Just like humans," commented the boy "Try to help someone and you get screwed every time!"

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines I.U.D. as a - box spring.

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines cummerbund as a - German Sex Club.

Giving them The Slip: A Connecticut man charged with murder smeared himself with butter and slipped through the barred windows in a new maximum-security jail. He then lowered himself into a courtyard and disappeared. State and Local Police with Bloodhounds searched the area but lost the scent.

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines impeachment as - premature ejaculation.

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines lesbians as - insurmountable odds.

QUEEN'S PLATE

GLORIA GOEDOWN



Can Be (If you are foolish enough to) Sung To:

Away in the Manger

Away in Vancouver, no flop for my head,
I had but a 5-spot, not enough for a bed.
But as I was strolling a fag came my way;
Played right - at least it was a warm place to stay.

Maybe he wasn't the best friend I'd ever had
But in some strange way he looked just like my dad.
He was old and wrinkled and lisping a lot
But what could I do - for I was on the spot?

So cool as I could I said "Hello there, Miss"
Then that dirty old 'sap-sucker' done give me a kiss.
Now you may think me crazy, or stark raving mad
But I swear to you that kiss wasn't all that bad.

It was cold and blowing, I had a bad chill
I was thinking 'old sweetie' might stake my fill.
It may not seem proper, it may not seem right
But a damn sight better than the ground that night.

Many the year has passed, old memory grows dim;
And true there's times I think it more than a whim;
But I warn all you straights, you'd better not sneer,
For I can tell you, lots of nice folks are queer!

Now I sit and talk with the boy next door -
And I don't go around with fat girls anymore!
I don't intend to ever have to marry -
Merry Christmas, Gay New Year - whee I'm a fairy!

MERRY XMAS

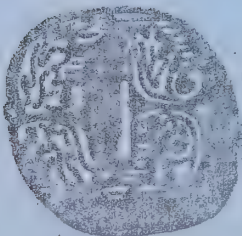
I P P

Individual Program Planning

Time: NOW
Place: HERE



I. P. P.



OFF THE WALL attended the recent Workshop held in Prince Albert to discuss the implementation of the I.P.P. program. The discussions were centred primarily around the actual problems anticipated and how they could be overcome - because the decision had already been made, by region that it would be implemented.

WHEN: Starting the first of February, it is expected that all those entering the prison will have the "opportunity" to participate in the program. There has also been some discussion about limiting this to those entering the prison serving sentences of less than 5-10 years as the program does not yet have a solid enough



basis, and surely it would be grossly unfair to attempt to involve inmates with lengthy sentences if the actual path of the program has yet to be defined!

Whether 'we' like it or not, it is here,

WHAT IN THE HELL IS IPP

WHAT IN THE HELL IS I.P.P.? Good question. It seems that no one is entirely sure. Basically, it is a program that has been modeled after the M.A.P. project states-side. As such it is a formal set of negotiations between the I.P.P. Team which will include a Parole Officer, and a Classification Officer, as well as Ad Hoc Members from the inmate's place of work, custody, and God knows who else. Also - the inmate is a participant in this team. (Team is regions term). It is expected that a PROGRAM - the purpose of which is correcting the inmate's problems - will be negotiated between the participants. It may be decided that the

however, for those already serving their terms the rumble has come down that they will in no way lose any of their existing privileges by not participating. The actual validity of this can only be determined at a later time.

inmate should 'go to school, then start in a shop, as well as attend A.A.' or something like that. The game plan then runs something like this - when he has lived up to his part of the program he will have 'earned' a transfer to a medium security joint. And so on down the line.

Unlike the MAP project - there exists no legally binding contract that can be taken to the courts by any of the participating parties. The 'programs' will vary from the 'very simple' to the 'more complex' depending on the individual case.

WHERE

WHERE: Obviously this is all coming down right here, in sweet little Sask. Penny, The program has been designed for the Prairie region so it will be in effect in Stoney Mountain, Drumheller, Bowden, and P.A. Basically, the design of the program is better suited to Medium's and Minimum's, however we get dragged along in the rush.

WHO

WHO: As previously mentioned at the onset of the program, it will be directed primarily towards those first entering the penitentiary who have short enough sentences that they can see the end of them. Eventually the rest of us will be drawn 'or should I say sucked' into the project.

WHY

WHY: It is primarily a response to the new -Peace and Security Legislation. It is also a serious effort to pull the NEW prison system together. For those not yet aware, the CPS (Canadian Penitentiary Service) no longer exists. Nor does the N.P.S. Rather, the two systems have been joined to form the F.C.A., which should bring great joy to everyone. That new set of abbreviations stands for FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL AGENCY. In addition to that the NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD will continue to be an autonomous agency not to be confused with Parole Service which will handle supervision and case presentation as an integral part of the F.C.A.

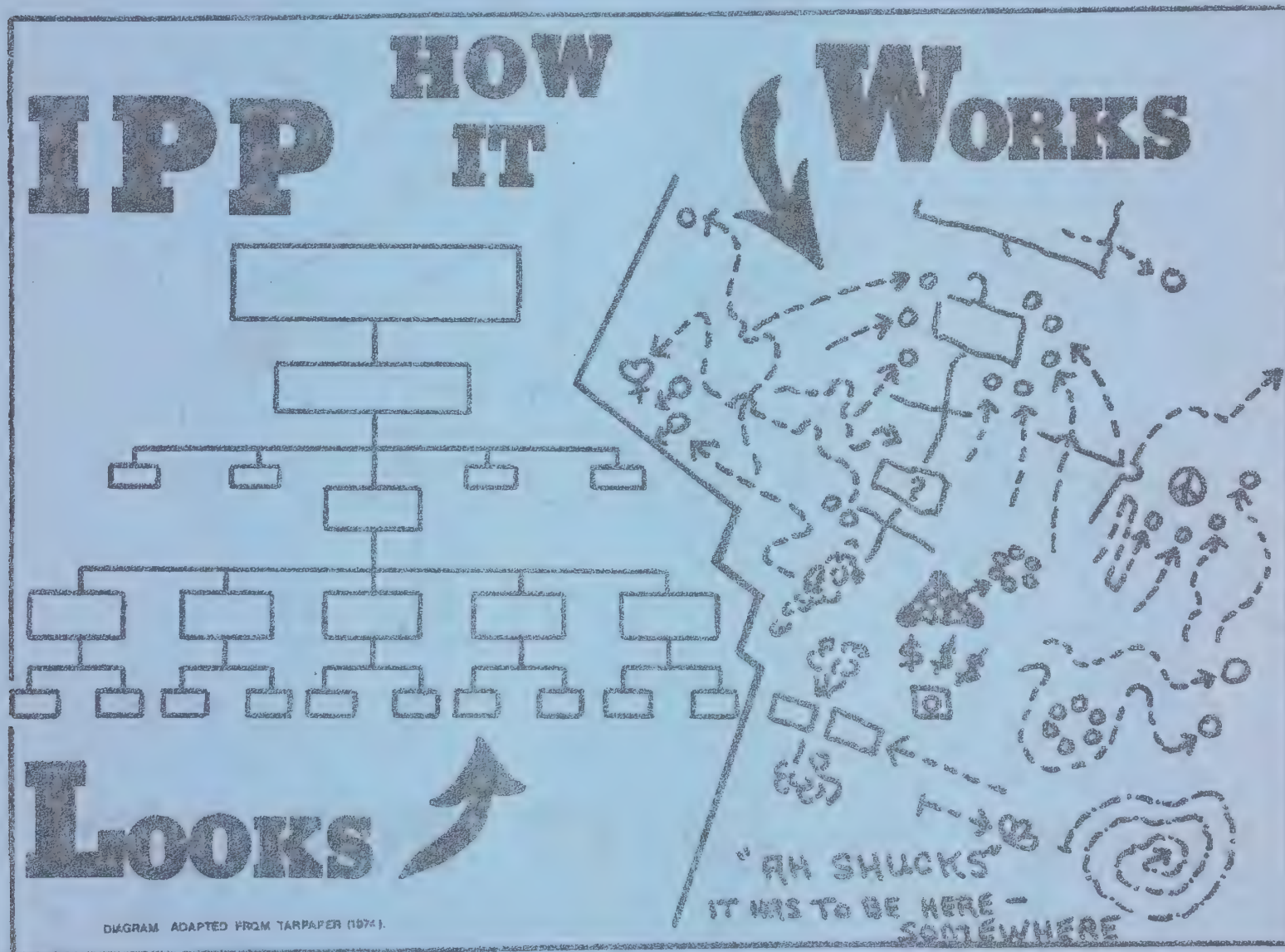
Further, bureaucrats acknowledge that the present system is NOT WORKING so the move is on to try something different.

HOW

HOW: No one seems to be able to answer this question. That is up for grabs! It seems that the main purpose of the workshop was to establish a bunch of 'how-nots.' In this respect the convict input, Tom Symes, President of the Inmate

committee, and myself may have been able to contribute something worthwhile to the proceedings.

The program, "If improperly implemented" could become a very bad thing. If mis-used, the whole could resemble a Draconian Nightmare!



INTERPRETATION

INTERPRETATION: Basically the I.P.P. may be of use to some. At the beginning it is likely to be ONE HELL OF A MESS. This is because no one has the faintest idea of what the program is doing, where it will lead, or how it is to be worked.

The biggest, and most obvious drawback is the opportunity for Blackmail of the inmate by the institution. Ineligibility

can be used as a lever to force participation. "If you don't get on with the program, you get nothing." As it stands I personally do not see this as too bad of a threat - after all, we have nothing now - so threatening to give us what we already have is not really too serious of a thing. It is very hard to take nothing!!



However, it could, and undoubtedly will, become one of the key factors in determining transfers. Now, transfers are hinged on staying out of trouble, and sight for a couple of years, packing your bags and slithering on. The future holds promise that only those participating will be eligible for transfers to lesser security joints. If you don't really want a transfer, then they can't get you on this one.

Another very touchy spot is personality conflicts between the con and his CO/PO. As it stands, if you can't get it on with your worker, you simply go over his head. That type of short circuiting the bureaucracy will exist no longer. However, it is critical that a clause be included that, should this type of confrontation arise, the con will be free to change workers.

There is also a basic question of integrity. The program is only as good as the word of those that you make the deal with. If you go along with I.P.P. on the promise of a transfer for completing your end of the deal..and then the other side reneges on their part, or throws in extra conditions, there is a large potential for hostility.

Further, it is very unlikely that the program will get very far off the ground before it is uncerimoniously 'shot-down'

if it just becomes a formal method of repaying 'informers' for 'services' rendered. The joint must keep this type of thing in mind - or blow the whole show right off the top!



"Al! What have you been doing all these years?"

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?: So far we have been able to raise a lot of criticism. There is a good deal more than the few points already raised, however there is very little 'value' in shooting-down the program any more than is necessary to establish the main points of contention where a 'proper screwing' is most likely and would result in the most damage.

Whether we like it or not, I.P.P. is on the way. However, we are in a position to control just how bad we get screwed. The old proverb applies: we are now in

a position to ask for a kiss before we get.....screwed. The potential for good is also present. As stated earlier, at this point in time residents of P.A. are getting virtually nothing. Paroles have become virtually non-existent. Passes are a thing of the past. Internal privileges are strenuously limited - so what can we lose?

We can, however gain a position where we are able to negotiate some benefits. In some cases these may be substancial, i.e. a transfer, and in other cases they may

not be very significant, but they will be better than the 'nothing' that we have now. That is to say - if a person en-



"Hawkins, go down there and tell MY SON I want to speak to him!"

ters the program and contracts for his 'good behavior, work in a shop, and attendance of some group or other' he can ask for something back - a special course in a subject of which he has an interest or a change of work or any number of other possibilities. It is also possible to 'link' this program to other benefits that do not presently exist in this prison. In this way we may be able to parley something out of nothing.

I have been accused of being mercenary by staff for this attitude. I could respond that they, by working here for money are being equally mercenary, but I find that it is easier to point out that - this is their program, they have come to us for participation - we did not go to them. So it is obvious that they will have to cop-up with something to encourage our participation.

HANGING IN

ON THE SHELF

by: BUTTS #4950

Last night I sat down to have me a think
My rump on the bed my feet on the sink;
I leaned back and smiled, as I thought to myself
"There's thousands of reasons for being on the shelf!"
No doubt in my mind, as sure as you can hear,
More than half of these dudes, should never be here!

To find any justice in our system of laws
One must be blinded to the lies and the flaws!
For it's not "cause he's guilty" that gets the guy made-
It's the brilliance of the lawyer that pulls down the shade.
Most funny in a way - I thought to myself,
Half of these dudes shouldn't be on the shelf!

I mean funny "peculiar" not funny - 'haw-haw';
For it's mostly a trade-post, not really a law.
That causes most people to come to this place.
The dude with the bread is still in the race,
He who has money will suffer no pain -
Just a trade for the poor man who goes down the drain.

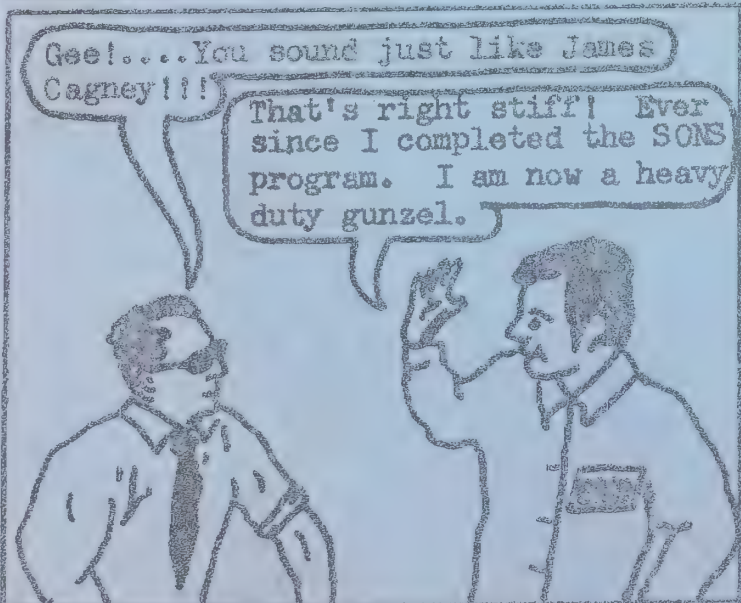
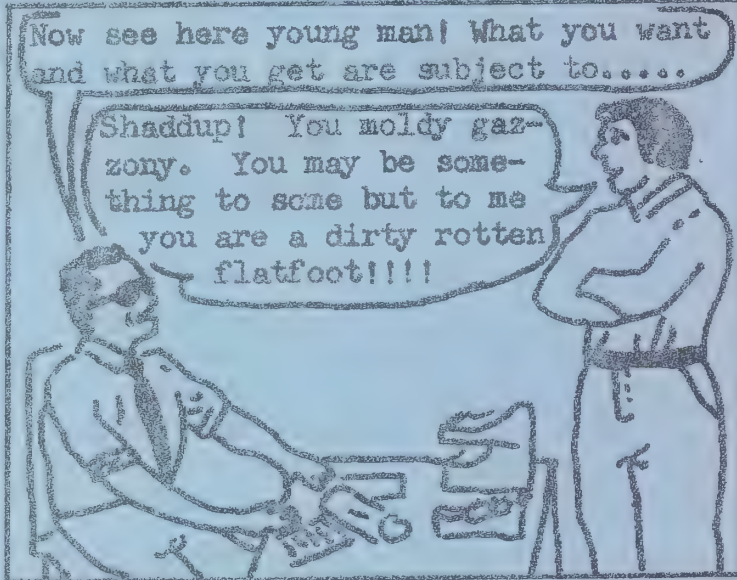
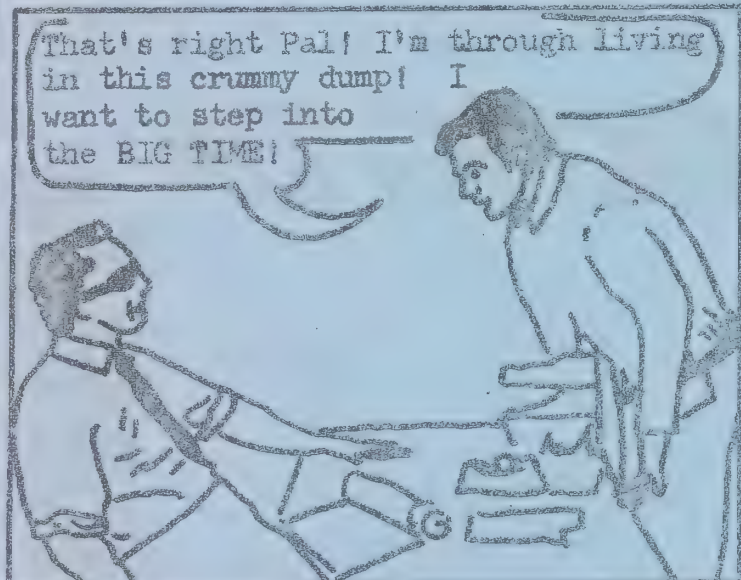
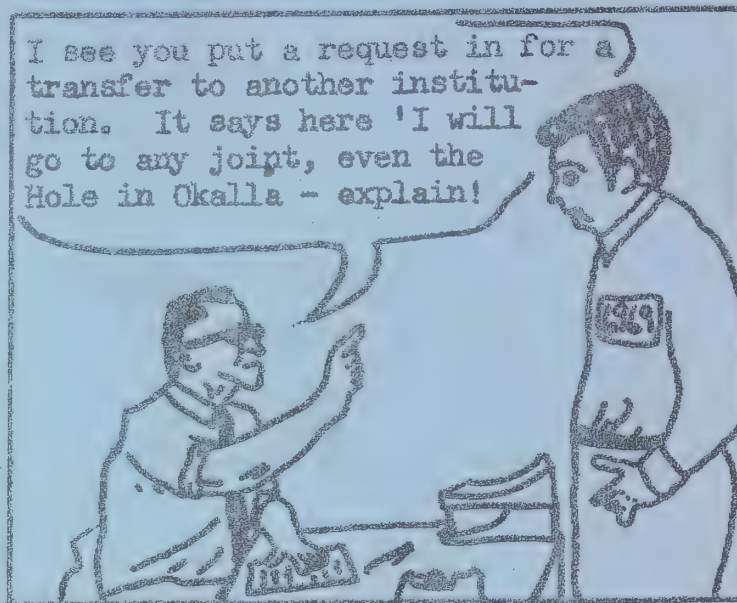
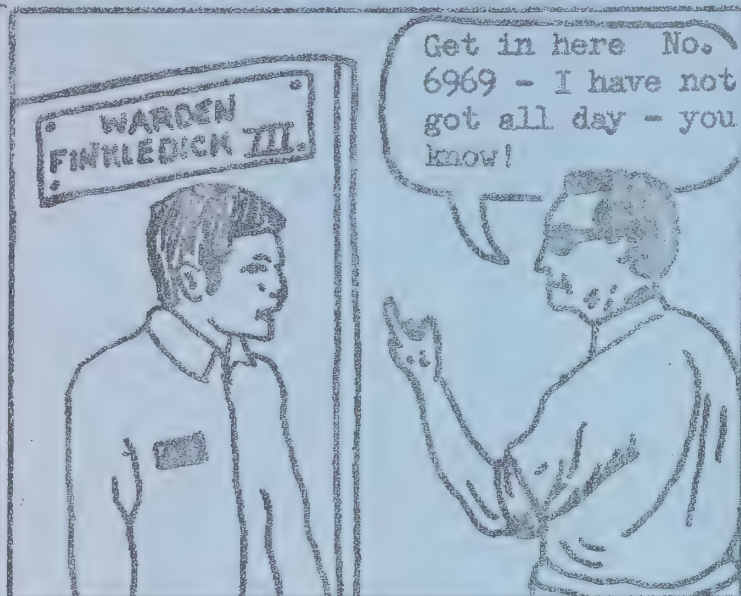
When the money is laid down, the charge is made small
And the dude without bread will be taking the fall!
The crown makes a deal, for the man with the buck;
And the next twenty guys are....."outta luck."
The lawyers take a show, and isn't it clear?
More than half the Dudes, should never be here!

BUTTS



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BEYOND 2001

Following are comments made by Mr. Rhodes A/D Socialization concerning the article about I.P.P. One point that was brought out after the article had been printed was the statement - "We are getting nothing now, so what can we lose?" This was not meant to suggest that we had nothing inside, rather that the most important aspect, that of parole, was almost non-existent. What good is the 'Life of Riley' in here if they are not letting anybody out. Mr. Rhodes' comments deal well with this topic.

BETTER CASE PRESENTATION

By: Mr. Rhodes, A/D Socialization

Your comments concerning the I.P.P. proposal are noted with interest. There is no doubt that if improperly implemented, I.P.P. could cause considerable friction and end up being 'viewed' by the population as a "White-wash of a Blackmail system." It is hoped to gradually implement the program, on a limited basis and work toward intergration of all the Sask Pen inmates interested in participating.

The original proposal did advocate some means of ensuring that those participating would receive more than those 'opting out! Personally, I am against this type of persuasion as it is inconsistent with the opportunities model we are attempting to follow. Opportunities should be made available and the inmate should have the 'option' of availing himself of those opportunities.

Whenever a group of people get together, and work out a program for one member of the group, no matter how much weight is given that person's participation, there will be conflict. Currently, inmates experiencing difficulty with a classification officer can request a change via the Supervisor of Classification. It

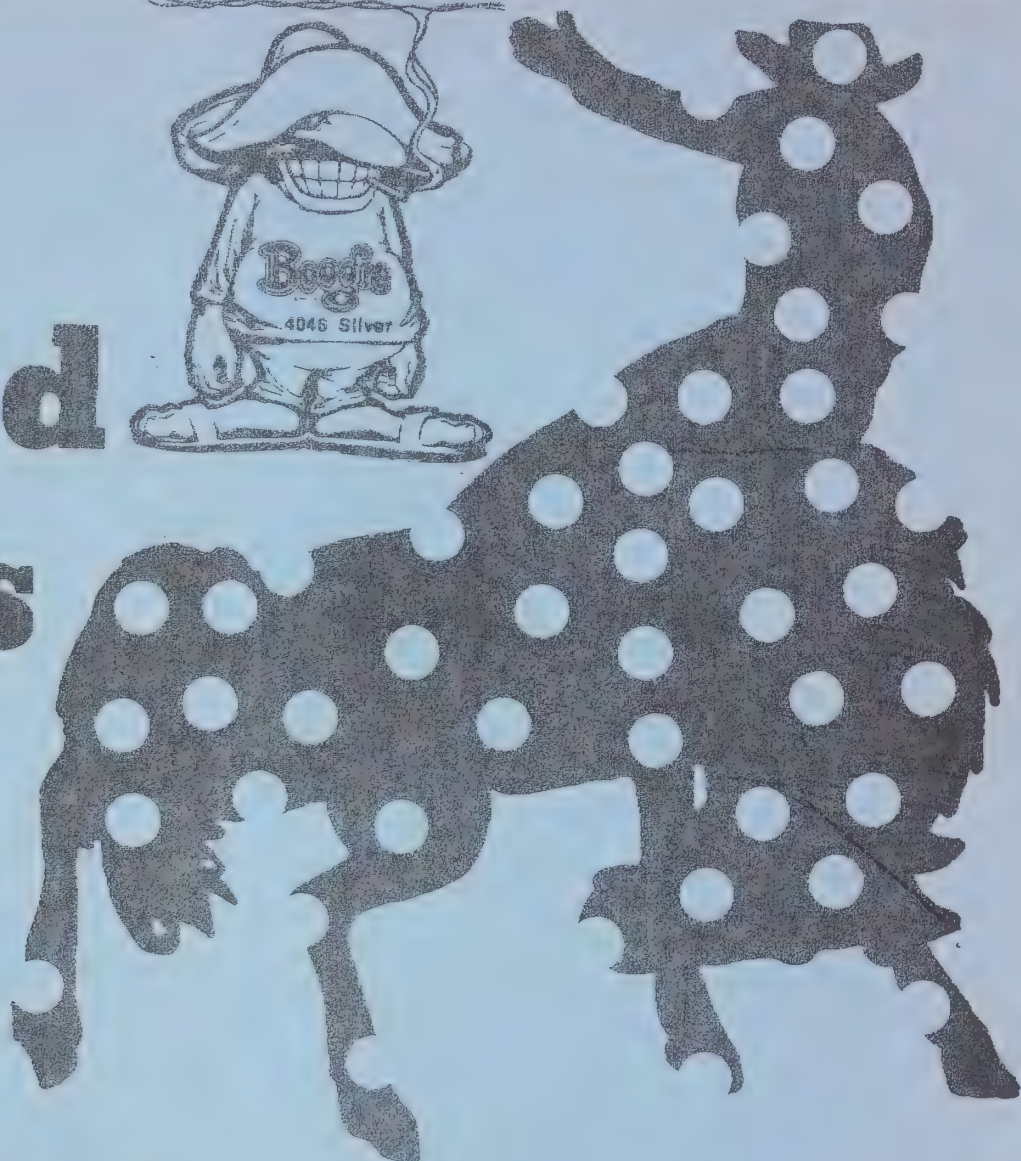
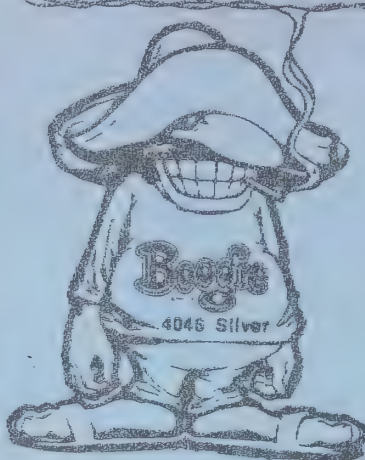
would seem that the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE in I.P.P. could be used to resolve any personality conflicts if redress to the Sup. of Classification failed. The MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE consists of the A/D Socialization, A/D (O.D.) and A/D.D. (NPS) which would provide input from personnel outside the Classification Department.

Your editorial comment - "What is in it for Me?" which, given the circumstances, is a most reasonable request since we are seeking the population's co-operation. The REAL ADVANTAGE is a BETTER CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM! Currently, case management, while not quite what you reduce it to, is a method of keeping 'tabs' on an inmate's progress through the institution. The current system could be MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE if it could influence the progress to a greater degree. As you have pointed out, there are not many paroles out of Maximum Security. The I.P.P. case management model may not be able to increase the number of paroles drastically but, I am convinced it could ensure a better hearing by the National Parole Board. If the anticipated pay-off of better case presentation and management is evident, it will be difficult to reject without making some recommendations for progress. In many cases this should be a request to see the individual function in reduced security (transfer).

The National Parole Board is an autonomous body and is unlikely to involve itself in 'any' commitment to release, as in the MAP plan in the U.S.A. Their decisions, however, are based on information received and the case presentation to the National Parole Board should be a substantial part of the information they receive. If I.P.P. is successful in providing an improved system of case management, 'what is in it for all participants' should be more readily apparent!

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines prophylactic as a measure of inflationary protection!

The World News



MARCHING ACROSS THE
GLOBE and RIGHT
INTO YOUR FACE!

By: Let's Went Cisco.

Graham DENIES PEANUT PLAN(Prince Albert) Billy Graham denied rumors here this week that Saskatchewan Farmers will be forced to grow peanuts to be "closer to God." He did reinforce earlier statements about the future of the World and said that God has dumped his previous program of floods, plagues, and mutilations for a more 'Streamlined' campaign. The message was clear- "Cut down on fornication or you DON'T get in!" Although he (GOD) is running into opposition from hard Right-Wingers (Elias, Moses and Shadrums) Peter, at the Gate, has assured Graham that the situation is well in hand. "The last thing on God's mind is Peanuts," he said.

TURKEY UPRISING CONTINUES (LaRonge) Local representatives of the National Turkey Producers Co-Operative are at a loss to explain the "Turkey Rebellion" here.

It all started before Thanksgiving; but was expected to peter-out shortly thereafter. However, for three months now, bred turkey-gobblers have refused all food and attack viciously when approached. Bulbous Fisher, local T.C.P. representative for LaRonge explains the phenomenon this way, "Obviously they (the turkeys) know they are destined for the table at Thanksgiving and decided to lose weight in an effort to forestall execution for another year; but we must get rid of them for next year's brood." "Somehow, they sensed this and continue to negate to all our overtures!"

However, plans are being put into effect to release all the birds into the local country-side and hunt them next fall in the Traditional Thanksgiving style. But, the T. P. C. isn't quite so optimistic

stating, "These gobblers will probably learn to fly or whatever and join the damn cows, and then what the hell can we do?"

SWINE FLU JUST A SCARE(Stony Rapids) The wave of sickness, previously attributed to Swine Influenza is Maraquilia; a rare ice dwelling virus. Dr. Didsey Goldfarb of the Regional Health Clinic made this stunning statement recently in this rural hamlet. Schocked citizens listened gravely as the good Doctor outlined the symptoms. The first, being a mad desire to run into brick walls with one's head. This "butting" effect is always followed by a complete loss of bladder and bowel control. Fortunately, this disease only effects mules, penguins, and polar bears which comprise 90% of the population. Stoney Rapids is 3500 miles north of Havana, Cuba.

MIDGET BECOMES ZULU (Los Angeles) Herbie Swartz, the "four-foot-run" who portrayed the milkman for sixteen seasons on television's "Mr. Ed, the Talking Horse" series has grown up. Mr. Swartz has added three feet to his height and now plans to fill a lifelong dream by joining the Zulu Tribesmen, of East Africa. "Ever since I was young I wanted to be a Zulu, and when I grew up to only four feet, I became obsessed!" The basic Minimum requirement of the Zulu's is 7 feet.

TINY TIM MOLESTED (Vancouver, B.C.) The man who brought the music world "Tulip Tiptoeing" was sexually assaulted in Stanely Park this past weekend. Tim, in town for the Troglodyte Convention was enjoying the view at Prospect Point when two men wrestled him to the ground and stripped his clothing off. At Knifepoint he was forced to don a pair of pink leotards, a Spiro Agnew T-Shirt, and forced to eat what appeared (to Tim) to be yellow snow. After his assailants fled, Tiny Tim staggered out of the park and was struck by a taxicab on Georgia Street W. His condition was described as satisfactory, yesterday.

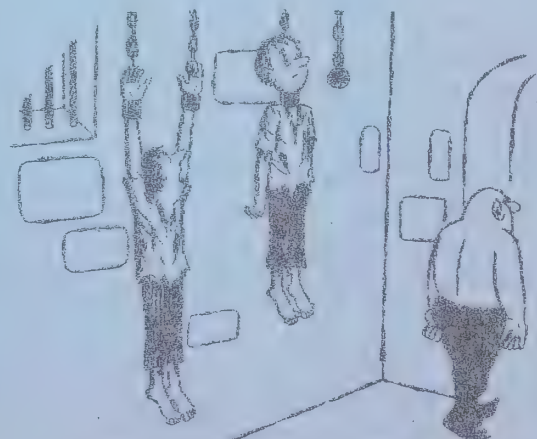
TIME TRAVELLER A MISTAKE (Regina) A man that the Regina Police assumed had step-

ped out 'of the past' has been released after questioning. The man's name has been withheld although these details were available. Last week a gentlemen stepped off the South-bound Greyhound, dressed in clothes of the 1950 period. Even his suit case was "Unreal" and he talked like Humphrey Bogart," said the arresting officer. He was first suspected of being a Bulgarian Spy because of his lack of knowledge about modern technology. But the police soon realized that he had just been released from the local Federal Penitentiary. "He was real neat," said one policemen, "We talked about hoola-hoops and everything!"

BY DAY

I
am quite
acute to you,
As Christ hath no structure here.
Feed flesh at will.
But now.
In
preperation
for the distance run.
Agree with me when beginning,
and you may have
the end, all to
yourself!

By: Pied Piper



"I warned you not to complain about your wrists being sore."



WORK SAFETY

By: Let's Went Cisco

Men injured in the old days were an unfortunate lot indeed. Most often left unattended at the job-site or fed to the appropriate livestock, the poor worker had little to look forward to.

In today's modern world if something crashes into the worker's head, trained Doctors and Nurses, will more than be happy to soothe him to sleep or stitch his scalp. But most accidents can be prevented as they stem from an overabundance of the "I Don't Care If the World Stops Turning Tomorrow, Because I Am Already Spun Out Anyway," attitude. In technical jargon this is termed the "Bad Safety Habit Syndrome." Below are some examples of workers injured by the B.S.H. syndrome:

- Charles Roach, age 29, woodcutter, was just completing the last 100 door wedges in a consignment of 100,000 when a fellow worker drove six nails through his left hand!

- Pete Kawalski, 22, gardner, while attending to the Warden's prize rosebush chanced to look at a passing dirigible and stepped on a carelessly discarded,

rake. The resulting blow displaced several teeth and relocated his nose bridge

- Abdul Signn, 47, laundry worker, was in the habit of sleeping in empty clothes bins. While asleep he was covered with soiled laundry, and kicked about the head and shoulders repeatedly, by person or persons unknown.

- Marmaduck(Seagull) McBride, kitchen worker, while preparing french fries paused to dine on his handiwork and was crushed to death by four tons of Pontiac Pink, new Spring Patatoes.

- Arnold Ziffel, age 69, while negotiating the cleaning of a treacherous, wheel-locking mechanism, was swamped by a wandering wave of apathy.

These are not isolated incidents. Anyone may be in line for one of these hideous accidents. A small tip to keep you safety concious (and thereby insuring a pleasant day) is to sing this tune before reporting to work:

THE WORKER'S SONG

Good morning to you,
Good morning to you,
We're all in our places
With sun-shiney faces.

This is the way,
We start our new day! -Refrain

Sung to the tune of: Come see the
Volkswagen.

So good-bye to all of you workers paradise-zealots, wherever you are?

NEXT MONTH: The Pasteurization Syndrome.

THE TONGUE

By: One of Many

"Paper is an unlikely place
to declare my poetry," he said
dropping his quill to the tile
to compose a ballad
with his tongue
on her
moist
skin.

OFF THE WALL

DECEMBER 1976

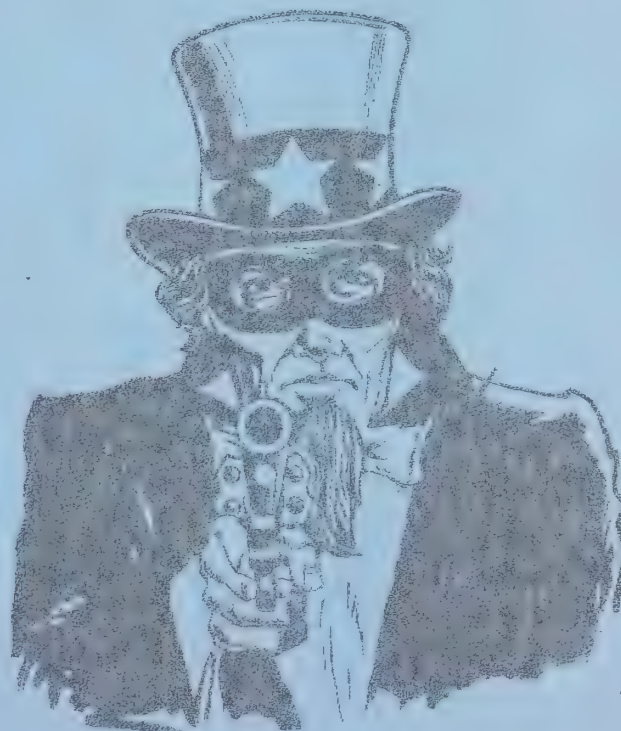
50 Common Cents

1984

CANADA

TIME

HOW TO LEGALLY STEAL



TIME IS ALL WE HAVE

HOROSCOPE

Readers' Choice

And now for all you SICK PEOPLE(?) out there - more horrorscopes! If you find them uncomplementary - that is only because they are true. It seems that often people try to deny their own guilts, the run-of-the-mill-horoscope helps because the sleazy cowards that write them try to please everyone; they tell everyone that he or she is a nice person. That is an obvious lie: if everyone was nice the world wouldn't be so screwed up! Hell! There would not be any need for jails.

ARIES - March 21 to April 19
Go ahead! This is a good time to put the plans you have been making into action. A look at the stars, and the rising rate of crime, indicates that the coppers will be 'too busy' to worry about your petty score anyway. Use a certain amount of descretion, after all, if you are caught, 'Red Handed', it is very hard to ignore you! Try for something a little out of

the ordinary - but don't go over \$200. After all, with your talents, petty larceny is all you can handle.

TAURUS - April 20 to May 20
Don't depend on good luck this month. It is a good time to try to use some of the skills that you feel you possess in great abundance - others don't happen to agree but what the hell, you have never paid much attention to what others thought up to now; so why change? Others think tha you are pushy and bull-headed **THEY ARE RIGHT**. Just because you call it strong and forceful does not really make it anything beside. Don't depend on luck because **IT HAS RUN OUT ON YOU!**

GEMINI - May 21 to June 20
Don't be suprised if people start showing their real feelings towards you. It is about the time of the year that they have begun to get tired of your dirty,



low-down, and vile tricks. They don't like to be played for a sucker. You do not make a very good sneak and they can plainly see how you have been taking them for a ride. They hate your guts for it because they know you are not sneaky-yet they realize that you have already taken them all year. Really they hate themselves for letting you get away with it but they are going to take it out on you anyway. So expect a rough time.

CANCER - June 21 to July 22

Start to 'dig' a deep hole. Tell others that you are searching for the truth. Once you get the hole good and deep you had best crawl in and pull the hole in after you. You still have time to get away with the deplorable, degenerate acts because others have yet to catch on. It is hard to believe that they can be that stupid - I know - but you were dumb in the first place (thinking that you could actually get away with it forever). Your cowardice prevails, you are thinking of running, and you are right!! But, best try another province (country or continent would be best). You got the jump on a lot of suckers, so - move fast!

LEO - July 23 to August 22

Hi there, you 'ole pussy-cat. This will be a pretty good month for you. If you stay just the least bit cool, you will have a good chance of getting away with most of your harmless tricks. You get to thinking you are pretty sneaky, others feel that you are too trivial to worry about. So, whatever the case - you are in position for a touch-down. You don't have to 'sneak' around at night anymore. Pick on something really big - at least half your size, cause whether you realize it or not, most things are cowards so you have the upper hand. It is always good to keep up a false front though.

VIRGO - August 23 to September 22

You are on the verge of a TOTALLY NEW experience. Don't worry, others won't think that you are turning queer - they know that is old-hat to you. Something really great is going to happen to you.

Yes, believe it or not, you are on the verge of trying to be honest. It is probably just a passing phaze - but try to enjoy it while it lasts. You will find that it is really a great feeling, even though you may have doubts that others remember your past and hold it against you. Should be a swell time for you.

Libra - September 23 to October 22

As for competition - forget it. You are not even in the running. Best policy is to find some really odd-ball trip and then try to sell it to others. They are always enough suckers to take so you may fare pretty well. Stay away from illegal activities or you will find the 'scales of justice' rammed right up your...nose Not my fault - you and justice have got this silly game going. If you weren't so damn crooked maybe she would pick on someone else, but for the time being stay clear of the law. If they manage to trap you, they will make an example out of you. Being an example is not much fun and you usually have a soar rump for all your troubles. Let someone else lead.

SCORPIO - October 23 to November 21

Things are getting tight. Big issues are coming to a head. It is time for fast decisive action to avoid the pending catastrophe. Don't let this serious moment weigh too heavy on you. There is no sense in worrying. You muffle even the smallest problems, so why worry. It is a forgone conclusion that you are going to 'blow' it and the best advice you can follow is to learn to live with your dumb errors gracefully and to the best of your ability. At least that way others will think that you have class and dignity. Yours is a very heavy load to carry.



SAGITTARIUS - November 22 to December 21
Not a bad month for you. You let it all hang out and come home with more than you expected. You have a hard time explaining your good fortune to your mate. After all, people don't believe that you can catch V.D. from toilet seats anymore so try some other line. A very careful and detailed analysis of your future, shows that - you don't have one. Enjoy today because there is a good possibility that you will not live long enough to enjoy the fruits of your hard labour in your old age. People hate you, not so much for what you have done but rather for what they think that you are plotting. Sagittarius people are usually murdered.

CAPRICORN - December 22 to January 19
Wow - what a month you have in store. It is really happening in your ascension. Christmas cheer - 'tis the season to Don your "GAY" apparel and really live. The rest of the world already thinks that you are queer so it won't even shock the people that know you. It is time to let it all hang out. Don't be too dismayed when others laugh at you. It is true that you are a little 'inadequate' but this is not too big of a drawback because others are too; the only reason they laugh is that they are trying to hide their own feelings of being inferior. A real good month to find a young lover. But, a word of advice: don't become too possessive because he will grow sick of you and soon be on his way.

AQUARIUS - January 20 to February 18
Time for positive action. Buy a house, start a new business venture, or steal a car. There is a good chance that you will get caught - but, what the hell - that never made any difference before! Besides with your underhanded way of using double-talk, the administration will think that you are a good person and let you transfer to a medium right off the top. A good month to reshuffle the deck but if someone questions you be sure to answer that 'you thought it was your deal'. They are too busy watching really

good cheats to worry much about you and will probably buy your story. There are some advantages in others thinking that you are stupid.

PISCES - February 19 to March 20
Express yourself candidly. But don't be to suprised if someone wants to punch, you in the mouth, for being honest. The only people that really respect honesty are those with nothing to hide. They are usually poor and destitute and don't make good friends because they have nothing to steal. It is usually the best to use a little descretion, only be honest when you are saying nice things about people and clear the scene after you ripped them off. They won't usually chase you because you said all those nice things about them. It just wouldn't be proper. Others pay a lot of attention to propriety, even though you don't.

Traction

LIFE OF A PRISONER (Patches) Goodswimmer

A man in prison
Locked-up in a cell
Lives two seperate lives;
During the day.....
He lives the life of a prisoner!
And by night,
His imagination goes to work.
He thinks of the outside -
He dreams of home -
And of the places that he has been!
Finally, after a long period of time,
He begins to believe that
He is really OUT THERE -
Only to find himself back in his cell -
When the breakfast bell rings.
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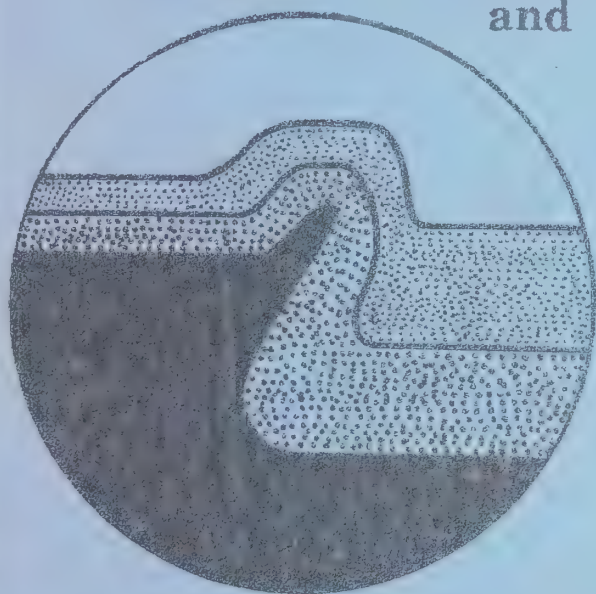
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To take the upward trend;
If no one understands you
No sympathetic friend.

My cup of fame is hoolw
Though it be polished bright;
Unless one sees reflected
A face within it's light.

If someone loves to listen
To weep when you weep too.
And shares your own ambition -
In harmony with you.

If someone takes an interest
And soul goes forth with soul
The struggle seems so different
More worthwhile than the goal.

My heart leaps high with courage
New plans with vision blend
You would not dare to disappoint
The hopes of one true friend....

TWO WAYS

ON MY WAY

By: DAB

My mother stands next to my solicitor,
My lover stands behind them.
I am in front -
Looking at the Judge.

These people care about me, I think....
But, I can't see them.
The Judge starts to talk -
To lecture.

How long will I SERVE?
Will I get a writin' pad?...or Pen?

The food is cold and tasteless,
But the dinner lines are long!
And some of these men turn me on -
Even...in drab prison uniforms!

Unfinished Task

CHICO SANTANA

Into the Stygian Pit...I wander...
searching....
For I know not what?
Love, Joy, Hate, Sadness?
Or is it the WHY of it all?

If you be - HE - then tell me now
"Who am I? Why am I? What am I?"

Do I exist, or am I the Figment
of SOMETHING'S imagination?

MERRY XMAS

RAMBLINGS:

- Revenge is a singular dish that tastes best when served cold.

- The removal of pennies from a dead man's eyes does not constitute theft.

- A politician is a man so gifted as to have one foot in heaven, the other in hell: at once.

- Your little red tricycle is stolen at age three. Thirty years later you are arrested for the theft of said tricycle. Is it safe to assume that your past has caught up to you?

- Six birds, placed in six gilded cages for six months, will be six months late upon release.



straight SCOOP

mixing NEW!

NEW WEIGHTS

A 'fortune' was spent in the purchase of "NEW IRON" for the weight-lifting area. But it surely is beautiful iron. There are several Olympic bars with accompanying weights. Also, included but not yet completed are a number of new benches.

Construction of a new partition has been completed, separating the card-room from the weight's area. This has greatly reduced the amount of noise that the card players must tolerate. While it may not be the most beautiful wall in the joint (made from concrete forms) it is one of the most useful.

Business...

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections will be held some time in Jan. for a 'new' committee. At that time the present committee will have completed their term in office.

All those interested in running should start to think a little more seriously about that eventuality.

NEW WEEK-END EXERCISE

Since the first of November we have had a 'different' week-end exercise period. Morning recreation has been discontinued and now we receive evening periods instead. While this has had very little real effect on the actual amount of time we spend on week-end exercise, it has resulted in at least two major changes. First, all of the hockey fans in the joint can now watch Saturday-Night Hockey. Second, the exercise that we do receive is of more value. Previously, a lot of the guys use to sleep in on Week-end mornings. There weren't enough guys around to get a floor hockey or basketball game going.

Previously, the exercise use to run from 9 to 11, and 1 to 4. Now it runs from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 in the evening. The yard is open all evening and from 2 in the afternoon on. Visits remain the same as before and the Sunday morning Church Services have not been changed either. The inmate committee, and security staff put a lot of thought into the change and it was even suggested that maybe a system could be worked out with only two meals on the week-ends - Brunch and supper. However, this idea had to be abandoned because it would conflict with Visits and Church,

SUPER

ART CLASSES

Art Classes are held every MONDAY NIGHT in the Trailors. The instructor is Carter Watson (no relation to Jimmy Carter) He is an extremely good artist from the Prince Albert area, who has received nation-wide acclaim for his abilities.

"The rhode to success is paved with good inventions!"

Family Affair

LONDONDERRY POLICE STATION OPEN:

News - for all Edmonton residents. They have completed construction of a new Cop Shop at 6504 137th. Avenue in Edmonton. It cost a whopping \$625,000.00 (gulp) and is expected to 'serve' the public faithfully. There goes another neighbourhood down the drain. At least we know where to stay clear of.

BACKSTAGE

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT:

A discussion with Harold Junior of the Inmate Committee has revealed the plans for Christmas entertainment. Because of the rapid turn-over in the joint population, it was felt that to try to produce a 'Convict Concert' would be foolhardy this year. Instead, the Committee has decided to BACK TWO BIG BINGO'S with a whole slew of 'prizes'. Prizes will not



"That strap too tight?"

only be restricted to cokes, smokes and what-nots, but will include real goodies from Down-town stores. Sports equipment or sweaters. That sort of stuff.

It is also 'in the works to HIRE a group of performers, from down-town. That is, "trying to hire" one of the groups that comes to play at the Louis Reil or the Coronet. It was felt that it might be a real treat to have a couple-hour performance by a group of 'pro's'.

The award winning show, bought at extra COST, by the Recreation Department, ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST is scheduled for Christmas Eve. This show has received wide acclaim in all of the reviews and has been 'held-over' everywhere that it has played.

All in all, there is some good entertainment in the works for the Christmas Holidays. It is hoped that everyone will enjoy themselves as much as possible and take their minds off the joint for a bit. Anybody that has any suggestion on how to improve the Christmas break should go to the committee before it is too late.



"Am I supposed to leave a tip?"

Push But No Shove

LIFE SKILLS:

Presently a Life Skills Program is being conducted in the Social Development area (alias - the trailers). It will conclude about the middle of December. The Life Skills Program is a three-month course which is run by two staff - Mr. Camche, and Mr. Chaharyn. There were 14 cons enrolled in the present one but the number has been reduced to 10 because of drop-outs. 15 is thought to be the ideal number for the program. Talks with some of the participants indicated that some felt that the program was more appropriate to those persons with less than a year left on their sentences. However, all those asked felt that it was worthwhile participating.

Another course is scheduled to begin in JANUARY. ALL THOSE INTERESTED should submit their names to the Social Development Department NOW to ensure consideration.

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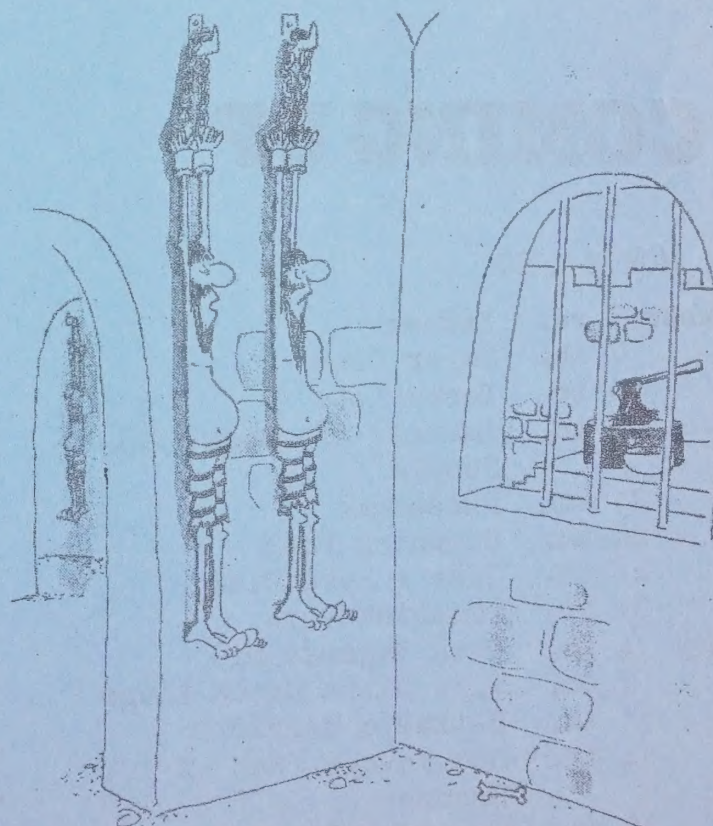
Flyers have once more been circulated about applying for transfer to Matsqui to enter a University program there. All applicants must first be accepted by the University of Victoria, B.C. During August more than half a dozen qualified for admission to the University but only one was accepted for transfer. All applicants must have at least first year.

*fixing,

RENOVATIONS:

Painting in the kitchen passage and dining room access has been completed and now residents can enjoy the 'multi-hued' brilliance of a Gubernment rainbow every morning, noon, and night.

The renovations to the new visiting facilities are almost completed. The exact date of completion is not known but it should be fairly soon. At that time PHONE CALLS will be started again. They have been suspended for the past couple of months because there was no access to an 'outside line' in the V & C area. It will be a very good thing to get the Phone Calls back, when they come.



"Oh well, at least we have a room
with a view."

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Highest No.	5182	5151	5129	5110	5078
Joint Count	492	508	501	522	512
Transfers:					
Other Joints	47	23	26	24	45
Farm Annex	5	5	6	2	10
Admitted	19	23	30	52	69
Released:					
Mandatory	19	22	14	20	18
Parole *	1	0	3	3	2

* You will notice a sudden up-surge in the number of paroles given during Oct. over those 'granted' in September. The total has increased 100% from ZERO to 1.

COMING UP

MOVIE LIST

December 3 rd.	Yakuza
7 th.	Super Cops
10 th.	Terrorists
17 th.	Animals are Beautiful People
21 st.	Passenger
24 th.	Drowning Pool
25 th.	Take a Hard Ride
31 st.	Sunshine Boys
January 4 th.	When Legends Die
7 th.	W.W. Dixie Dance Kings
11 th.	Ultimate Warriors
14 th.	Doc Savage, Man of Bronze
18 th.	Dog Day Afternoon
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